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1. Spetsialniy Pereselentsy (Forcibly Transplanted Population). [REDACTED] in Central Asia, USSR, [REDACTED] two classes of people [REDACTED] had been forcibly transplanted from their native areas to Samarkand and Uzbek. They were referred to by some citizens as Spetsialniy Pereselentsy /Forcibly Transplanted Population/

- (a) Koreans - This group of transmigrants was forcibly removed from Korea for several years prior to 14 Aug 45 by the USSR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Soviet Government had begun the forcible removal of Koreans because large numbers of them were suspected of having expressed a preference and inclination for affiliation with Japan rather than with the USSR.

- (b) In 1945, after World War II ended in Europe, [REDACTED] a number of the people who had been forcibly removed from the Crimea. These people, primarily Crimean Tatars, are an illustrative example of Soviet expediency. It was rumored that they had forcibly removed from 700 thousand to one million people. [REDACTED] it was typical of Soviet expediency - can you picture such a large number of people here in the US being given a 24-hour notice to pack whatever belongings they possessed and prepare to travel to an unknown destination. It was rumored that such was the plight of the Crimean Tatars. [REDACTED] this transmigration took place within a short space of six weeks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no consideration was shown for the personal belongings which the Crimeans had to leave behind. He stated that he personally was given a receipt for the possessions which he had to leave, but that no effort was made by the USSR to deliver the remainder to him in Central Asia. [REDACTED] among this group were many people who had served in the underground against the Germans, ranking members of the Communist Party, and a number of citizens who had been highly decorated for valiant service to the USSR during World War II. It was estimated that 20% of the transplanted Crimean Tartars had died of hunger and disease during the first year of forced residence in Central Asia.

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